



SMD Research & Data Analysis Info Website

<http://science.hq.nasa.gov/research/sara.html>



The new SARA (“Senior Advisor for R&A”) website is your one-stop-shop for issues and information about SMD’s R&A programs:

- Information related to SMD Grant Programs
- “How To” Guide for Proposers plus other PI issues
- Bi-Weekly Updates on R&A Process Improvements (subscribe on website)
- Grant Stats for every R&A program
- Contact Info for each Program Officer
- Research Highlights Across SMD’s R&A Programs
- Direct Communication with NASA for anything R&A related

Please Send Us Your Ideas and Concerns. We are listening.
Email: sara@nasa.gov

Our Growing Vision for NASA’s Research & Data Analysis Programs:

- Commitment to increase R&A funds
- Get more science from our budget through process improvements
- Support data analysis and ensure missions fund their science
- Provide responsive science leadership at all levels
- Increase funding stability and reduce time researchers spend dealing with grant issues

Changes Already Made That Support R&A:

- Over-budget missions in 2007 did not, will not take from R&A
- Ceased redacting budgets from review panels
- Authorized widespread adoption of 4-year grants
- Accelerated grant win notifications from months to weeks

- Created new opportunities for early career Ph.D.s in panel reviews
- Eliminated a backlog of hundreds of no-cost extension requests
- Resolved ~200 stalled funding issues
- Process improvements for solutions to generic funding issues
- Responsive SMD through SARA (more than 1100 e-mails)
- SARA website launched for information exchange

Changes in Progress:

- New researcher on-ramps in each SMD science Division
- Manage R&A programs to eliminate extreme win and loss ratios
- Simplifying grant reporting
- Commitment to reinvigorate EPO
- Establish easier EPO funding mechanisms for PIs
- Establish New Institutes (like Astrobiology; Lunar Science)